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SUBJECT: PRODUCT LISTS FOR GSP

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1. DURING TRADE CONSULTATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA LAST APRIL LED BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE, WE INDICATED CLEAR USG AWARENESS THAT GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE OF KEY INTEREST TO THE LATIN AMERICANS (REFTEL). WE ASKED THAT LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS SUBMIT THEIR LISTS OF PRODUCTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AID USG IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR INITIAL GSP LIST.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR RECEIVED LISTS FROM TRINIDAD  
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AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, PERU, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, BARBADOS,

GUYANA, AND THE ECCM COUNTRIES (ANTIGUA, DOMINICA, GRENADA, ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, ST. LUCIA AND ST. VINCENT). THESE SUBMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE OAS/SCCN AND THE CARICOM SECRETARIATS. MISSIONS SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED LISTS AND NOTE THAT PROMPT SUBMISSIONS ASSURE THAT THEIR VIEWS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT (WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA)) DURING INTERAGENCY CONSIDERATION OF OUR GSP PRODUCT LIST. WE INTEND TO SUBMIT OUR GSP LIST TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER PASSAGE OF THE TRA.

3. FOR PORT-AU-PRINCE. WE ASSUME LIST RECEIVED UNDER COVER OF PORT-AU-PRINCE A-25 REPRESENTS HAITIAN SUB-MISSION. PLEASE ADVISE IF GOH WISHES TO UP-DATE OR PREPARE NEW SUBMISSION.

4. AS INDICATED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON MFMS AND REAFFIRMED DURING EBERLE TRIP, THE USG WILL TAKE LATIN AMERICAN PRIORITIES IN THE AREA OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES VERY SERIOUSLY. THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, LATIN AMERICAN REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION OF PRODUCTS IN OUR GSP PRODUCT LIST. THESE LISTS SUBMITTED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IF THEY INCLUDE SOME INDICATION OF PRIORITY, WILL BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF OUR GSP PRODUCTS LIST. IN THIS WORK WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO BALANCE THE IMPORTANCE OF POTENTIAL GSP ITEMS TO THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN REGION WITH THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF PREFERENCES ON OUR DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

5. MISSIONS SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED THEIR GSP LISTS AND INDICATE THAT SUCH INFORMATION WOULD STILL BE USEFUL AND OF GREAT INTEREST TO USG. COUNTRY SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT DURING INTERAGENCY PREPARATION OF OUR GSP LIST BEFORE IT GOES TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION. HOPEFULLY THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK CAN BE NEARLY COMPLETED BY THE TIME THE TRA IS PASSED. AMBASSADOR MALMGREN RECENTLY TOLD TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS WE EXPECT TO HAVE TRA IN HAND (I.E., LEGISLATIVE WORK WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED) BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BE IN INTEREST OF HOST GOVERNMENTSTO WAIT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF TRA BEFORE MAKING THEIR SUBMISSIONS.

6. LISTS BASED ON U.S. TARIFF SCHEDULES (TSUS NUMBERS)  
IN PLACE OF OR ALONG WITH BTN NUMBERS WOULD BE HELPFUL.  
FAILING THIS, LISTS SHOULD HAVE VERY SPECIFIC PRODUCT  
DESCRIPTIONS. BTN NUMBERS AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE  
SOMETIMES TOO BROAD FOR EASY COMPARABILITY WITH THUS  
NUMBERS. KISSINGER

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